



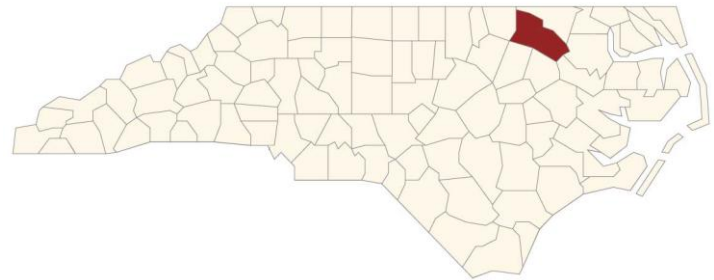
On February 17, 2009, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Obama. ARRA provides increased support to several existing federal programs administered by states, creates new programs such as the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund, and offers opportunities for states to apply for competitive grant programs.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act's significant investment in North Carolina totaled almost \$19.5 billion, including assistance for those needing help the most through increases in unemployment benefits, Medicaid payments, and food stamps. In addition to those expanded services, ARRA gives hundreds of thousands of working North Carolinians a break through tax credits like the *Making Work Pay* tax credit and the *First Time Homebuyer's* tax credit.

The Recovery Act is not like earlier attempts to revive the nation's economy. It is not only a one-time infusion of federal funds; instead it is a long-term effort to restore economic expansion in the short-term, as well as prepare the nation's economy for stable, healthy long-term growth. Under the terms of the Recovery Act, support for North Carolina's economy will include both investments made directly by the federal government and investments of federal funds that are made under the oversight of the North Carolina state government.

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Report, Halifax County

Halifax County received more than \$197 million in ARRA funding in grants, loans, and bonds. The following report outlines the various funding categories that contributed to the Halifax County total.



Pell Grant Awards:
1,426



Small Business Jobs:
20

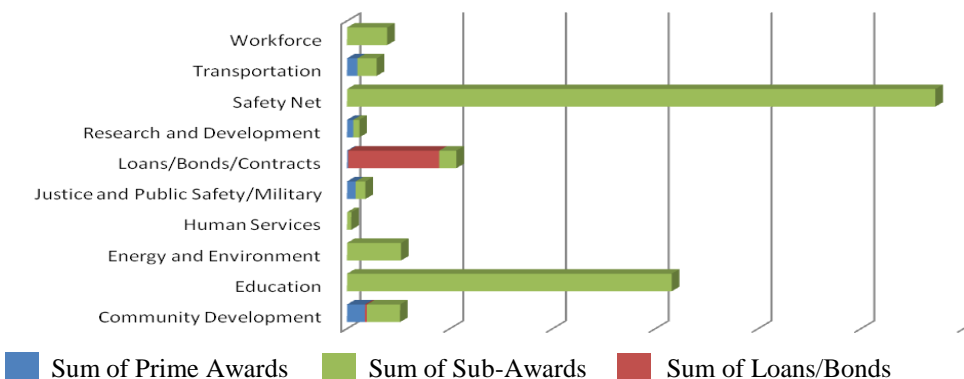


Appliances rebated:
80



Family homes financed:
19

Halifax County Totals



Halifax County,
pop 57,370 at a glance:

Recovery Act Totals:

Grants: \$72,774,152

Loans: \$102,241,852

Bonds: \$22,819,559

Total: \$197,835,563



Education

The Recovery Act placed a special emphasis on maintaining education funding. Governor Beverly Perdue furthered this commitment by pledging additional recovery funds from the Recovery Act to education, and leading North Carolina to additional funds by winning \$400 million in the Race to the Top program.

Most of the ARRA education funds are distributed to local schools through existing funding formulas. Special Education Funds and Title I funds go to schools based on eligible student enrollment. State Fiscal Stabilization Funds (SFSF) and the EduJobs grants were designed to hold schools harmless during the recession, and were distributed to public and charter schools. The school systems have spent the majority of the funds on staff and support. Some projects, such as Race to the Top, will be spent for purchasing products and services rather than salaries for staff.

Authorization for low/no interest bonds for school construction/renovation followed the Department of Public Instruction procedures with initial allotments to the school systems. If a school system could not utilize their allotment, it was released to other school systems that could utilize additional allotments.

Halifax County schools received \$22.1 million in education funding, including \$1.9 million in Special Education funds, \$3.2 million in Title I funds, \$5.2 million in SFSF funds, \$2.2 million in Race to the Top funding, and a \$2.5 million bond allocation.

Pell Grants are an educational Assistance Program that provides grants to eligible students to receive post-secondary or vocational training. Because Pell Grants are not student loans, they allow students to receive financial assistance to further education and training without incurring additional debt. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act increased the eligibility and the maximum amount of Pell Grants in 2009 and 2010 as a way to encourage educational opportunities, and to provide a way for eligible applicants to gain new job skills.

In Halifax County, Campbell University and Heritage Bible College had 1,426 students funded by Pell Grants; these grants were worth more than \$1.8 million.



Family Assistance

The Federal Department of Agriculture increased funding to their Single-Family home program with the ARRA. These resources assisted families in achieving the American Dream of home ownership through direct financial assistance (grants) or credit (loan guarantees). This program pumped more than \$729 million into North Carolina, providing assistance to more than 5,400 families.

In Halifax County, 19 families received assistance through this program totaling more than \$1.8 million.

The Department of Energy created the Energy Star Appliance rebate program to help stimulate the economy by incentivizing the purchase of new, more energy efficient appliances, and helping consumers by providing long-term savings from their utility bills. The State Energy Office in the North Carolina Department of Commerce managed the program insuring North Carolina residents and retailers received the maximum benefit from this opportunity. North Carolina retailers sold more than 25,500 new energy efficiency appliances through this program, and North Carolina residents will enjoy energy savings for years to come. The program was so successful, that the State Energy Office reprogrammed additional funding to provide discounts to everyone participating in the program, bringing the total program value from \$8 up to \$10 Million.

Halifax County retailers sold 80 appliances through the Energy Star Appliance rebate program.



Small Businesses Assistance

The ARRA provided tax breaks, increased depreciation of business assets, and incentives for hiring for small businesses through the tax law changes found in Part B of the Act. The Recovery Act also established direct aid programs through the federal Small Business Administration (SBA) and US Department of Agriculture (USDA). These programs provided grants, loans and loan guarantees to grant small businesses access to much-needed operational credit during 2009 and 2010.

In Halifax County 2 small businesses received SBA loan guarantees worth almost \$370,000. According to the small businesses receiving these loans, the Recovery Act saved or created 13 jobs. Additionally, the USDA Business and Industry Program provided a loan worth more than \$775,000 dollars that saved or created 7 jobs.



Farm Assistance

The Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) Program is administered by the Farm Services Administration in the federal Department of Agriculture, which provides assistance to farmers suffering crop losses due to natural disasters. To qualify for the program a farm must have lost at least 10% of one crop during a natural disaster in a declared disaster county, or lost 50% of a crop during a disaster in a non-disaster county. North Carolina farmers received more than \$9 million in total payments under the ARRA-Funded SURE Program.

In Halifax County, \$67,583 was received in assistance to farmers because of crop loss to natural disasters.



CARS Program

The Car Allowance Rebate Program (CARS), more widely known as the 'Cash-for-Clunkers' program, provided an incentive for drivers of older, energy inefficient vehicles to upgrade to new cars. This program also provided a large economic impact in North Carolina, and North Carolina dealers received more than 18,000 trade-in vehicles through this

program. North Carolina Car Dealers sold more than \$400,000,000 worth of new cars (recommended MSRP) through the CARS program. North Carolina drivers will save 172,130 miles per gallon through cars purchased through this program.

In Halifax County, car dealers sold 97 cars worth \$2 million through the ARRA CARS program.



Justice and Public Safety Programs

ARRA increased funding to the federal Byrne Justice Assistance Grants Program (JAG). JAG funds were awarded both as a formula allocation to the State, for \$34.5 million, and grants distributed by the Governor's Crime Commission to various local governments and entities. In addition, \$21,853,798 went to 216 local governments across the state for various purposes in line with the requirements of the act. Finally, there is a federal competitive portion that was open to state or local government applicants.

In Halifax County, \$787,591 was received in JAG funding.

The COPS (Community Oriented Policing Services) awards grants to law enforcement agencies to hire and train community policing professionals, acquire and deploy cutting-edge crime-fighting technologies, and develop and test innovative policing strategies. COPS funding also provides training and technical assistance to community members and local government leaders and all levels of law. In order to help leverage the efficiency of these programs Governor Perdue set aside additional funding to help pay for uniforms and equipment for local governments who have new COPS funded positions.

In Halifax County, the Town of Enfield, the Town of Littleton, and Roanoke Rapids each had 1 officer funded through COPS Grants. In addition, each of these three towns received a \$4,000 grant from the Governor's Crime Commission to help outfit and equip these new officers.



Environment and Natural Resources Programs

ARRA funded several programs to protect the environment, or to develop natural resources more efficiently. These programs ranged from environmental clean-up, such as leaking underground storage tank abatement and Brownfields programs, to EPA clean air grants, wildfire prevention grants, and revolving funds to build, expand, or overhaul existing water and sewer programs. These programs provided nearly \$150 million across North Carolina.

In Halifax County, the Town of Scotland Neck, the Town of Littleton, and the Town of Roanoke Rapids all received grants for water and sewer upgrades. These grants were worth more than \$1.4 million.



Green Energy Programs

One of the goals of ARRA was to provide grants to help conserve energy and assist in the development of a green economy. The State Energy Office in the North Carolina Department of Commerce received large grants for energy conservation under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. These grants include the Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant (EECBG), funded at just under \$20 million, and the State Energy Plan (SEP), funded at \$70 million. The State Energy Office then used these grants to make awards to businesses, non-profits, and local governments for various purposes.

In Halifax County, the Kapstone Kraft, was awarded an SEP grant of \$500,000 to install a Steam Profiler and modify the transfer path of the paper sheet to prevent rewetting. The addition of the Steam Profiler will allow condensate flash steam that is currently vented to be reused.



Safety Net Programs

Safety net programs are the category of ARRA funding that consists of programs designed to help populations made particularly vulnerable by the economic crisis. These generally include increases in existing programs, most notably the increase in both benefit level and duration of unemployment payments. Increases in the amount and duration of unemployment payments makes up the largest chunk of safety net programs funded through the Recovery Act, totaling more than \$3.5 billion statewide over more than two years. Safety net programs such as unemployment insurance and SNAP (formerly known as Food Stamps), not only benefit the recipient, but have a proven economic impact on a community.

Halifax County residents received \$18.7 million in Unemployment Insurance increases during the 2 ½ year ARRA benefits increase. County residents also received \$6 million in SNAP benefit increases, and \$3.8 million in one-time payments of \$250 to social security recipients.

Halifax County Feature Story

The Town of Littleton Moves Into a New Town Hall Using Recovery Opportunity

The Federal Department of Agriculture Rural Development's Community Facilities Program helps finance essential community facilities for public use in rural areas. The Community Facilities Program provides loans, grants, and loan guarantees for a variety of community selected high-impact projects, such as water and environmental projects, as well as community facilities projects. Through this program, USDA ensures that such facilities are available to all rural residents. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act increased funding for this program, giving the green light to many long-awaited and much needed local investments.



"These Recovery Act projects not only provide needed infrastructure in rural communities, they contribute to the Obama administration's continued efforts to create quality jobs," Tom Vilsack, Secretary of the USDA said. "The Recovery Act is working. These projects, and others like them, are contributing to restore the American economy while improving the quality of life in towns and small cities throughout the country."

Community Facilities grants and loans are used to fund a wide array of projects. The town of Littleton took advantage of the historic opportunity represented in the ARRA increase of funding to secure low-interest loans to renovate an existing downtown structure to be Littleton's new, Town Hall.



The current Littleton Town Hall building is a two story brick building containing approximately 2,000 square feet. The building was constructed in the early 1900's and has been the location of the Littleton Town Hall and the Police Department for over 40 years. Due to growth, the current Town Hall is insufficient for the town's needs, such as basic operations and town-related meetings. Littleton has been using the meeting room behind the Police Station for public meetings, but this room has limited capacity as well as structural problems that require the Town Board to seek alternative spaces to hold meetings.



Anticipating the need for growth, in 2008 the town purchased the former Owen Electric Building in downtown Littleton for \$50,000. This facility was built in the early 1900's and contains approximately 2,150 square feet. With well planned renovations, this modest facility will provide the Town of Littleton with office and meeting facilities to better serve the residents of Littleton.

Littleton received Recovery-funded Community Facilities Program grants and loans in August 2010 to renovate the structure for use as a Town Hall and Board of Commissioners Meeting Room. Construction specifications include cleaning of the exposed brick, rear and front door renovations, cabinet and counter construction, new doors, windows and hardware, drywall and plaster repair, installation of acoustical ceiling tiles and new insulation; plumbing, HVAC and electrical installations, carpeting, vinyl and other improvements as well as a ramp for handicap accessibility.

The Community Facilities Program provided \$119,000 in grants and \$97,000 in loans, which will cover the entire renovation. The current Town Hall will be solely occupied by the Littleton Police Department. The alternative to the renovation included construction of new town hall and meeting facility at another location. The cost of construction of a new facility was estimated to be \$500,000.

Appendix, Halifax County breakout

Federal Agency	Program Title	Recipient name	Recipient role ⁱ	Prime Amount ⁱⁱ	Unique Sub Awards ⁱⁱⁱ	Loans	Additional Economic Activity (not counted toward totals) ^{iv}
	Bonds		P			\$2,552,967.00	
	Cash for Clunkers		S		\$418,000.00		
	Federal Pell Grant Program	Halifax Community College	P				
	Very Low to Moderate Income Housing Loans - Guaranteed	Individuals	L			\$1,832,468.00	
Administration for Children and Families	ARRA - Child Care and Development Block Grant	Halifax, County Of	S	\$0.00	\$211,507.10	\$0.00	
Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing	Native American Housing Block Grants (Formula) Recovery Act Funded	Haliwa-Saponi Ind. Tribe Inc.	P	\$258,698.00		\$0.00	\$258,698.00
		Kaplan Early Learning Company	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$5,841.00
Department of Agriculture	Business and Industry Loans	Various	L		\$775,000.00		
	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	Multiple Individuals	S		\$6,017,931.98		
Department of Energy	Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG)	Enfield, Town Of	S	\$0.00	\$85,106.00	\$0.00	
		Roanoke Rapids City Schools	S	\$0.00	\$167,195.00	\$0.00	
		Scotland, County Of	S	\$0.00	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	
Department of Health and Human Services	Aging Congregate Nutrition Services for States	Halifax Regional Medical Center	SV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
		Haliwa-Saponi Ind. Tribe Inc.	SV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
		Littleton Senior Center	SV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
		Scotland Neck, Town Of	SV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	Aging Home-Delivered Nutrition	Enfield Meals On Wheels	SV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	

Services for States						
		Halifax Regional Medical Center	SV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		Haliwa-Saponi Ind. Tribe Inc.	SV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		Scotland Neck Meals On Wheels	SV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Department of Housing and Urban Development	Community Development Block Grants - State HI	Hobgood, Town Of	S	\$0.00	\$635,255.50	\$0.00
	Public Housing Capital Fund Formula (Recovery Act Funded)	Roanoke Rapids Housing Authority	P	\$494,597.00		\$0.00 \$494,597.00
Department of Justice	No CFDA for Contract type awards	Halifax, County Of	P	\$58,925.00		\$0.00 \$58,925.00
	Public Safety Partnership and Community Policing Grants	Enfield, Town Of	P	\$130,751.00		\$0.00 \$130,751.00
		Littleton, Town Of	P	\$117,141.00		\$0.00 \$117,141.00
		Roanoke Rapids, City Of	P	\$119,925.00		\$0.00 \$119,925.00
	Recovery Act - Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program / Grants To Units Of Local Government	Roanoke Rapids, City Of	P	\$53,312.00		\$0.00 \$0.00
	Recovery Act - Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program/ Grants to States and Territories	Enfield, Town Of	S	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00
		Littleton, Town Of	S	\$0.00	\$2,491.55	\$0.00
		Roanoke Rapids, City Of	S	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00
		Weldon Police Department	S	\$0.00	\$97,752.00	\$0.00
Department of Labor	Unemployment Insurance	Multiple Individuals	S		\$18,788,689.52	
Environmental Protection Agency	Capitalization Grants for Clean Water State Revolving Funds	Scotland Neck, Town Of	S	\$0.00	\$1,131,256.00	\$0.00
	Capitalization Grants for Drinking Water State Revolving	Littleton, Town Of	S	\$0.00	\$161,316.00	\$0.00

Funds						
		Roanoke Rapids Sanitary District	S	\$0.00	\$181,126.00	\$0.00
Federal Highway Administration	Highway Planning and Construction	North Carolina Department Of Transportation	P	\$504,723.00		\$0.00 \$504,723.00
		R.E. Burns & Sons Company	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00 \$434,556.42
Health Resources and Services Administration	ARRA - Grants to Health Center Programs	Rural Health Group, Inc.	P	\$299,739.00		\$0.00 \$299,739.00
Idaho Operations Office	Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program (EEARP)		P			\$0.00 \$12,775.00
National Energy Technology Laboratory	State Energy Program	Halifax Community College	S	\$0.00	\$219,093.00	\$0.00
Office of Elementary and Secondary Education	Education Technology State Grants, Recovery Act	Halifax County School District	S	\$0.00	\$55,527.00	\$0.00
	School Improvement Grants, Recovery Act	Halifax County School District	S	\$0.00	\$4,992,296.00	\$0.00
	State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) - Education State Grants, Recovery Act	Halifax Community College	S	\$0.00	\$440,319.32	\$0.00
		Halifax County School District	S	\$0.00	\$2,493,875.00	\$0.00
		Roanoke Rapids City Schools	S	\$0.00	\$1,646,461.00	\$0.00
		Weldon City Schools	S	\$0.00	\$649,872.00	\$0.00
	State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) - Race-to-the-Top Incentive Grants, Recovery Act	Halifax County School District	S	\$0.00	\$1,467,953.00	\$0.00
		Roanoke Rapids City Schools	S	\$0.00	\$370,092.00	\$0.00
		Weldon City Schools	S	\$0.00	\$374,641.00	\$0.00
	Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies, Recovery Act	Halifax County School District	S	\$0.00	\$2,171,844.00	\$0.00
		Roanoke Rapids City Schools	S	\$0.00	\$499,655.00	\$0.00
		Weldon City Schools	S	\$0.00	\$592,346.00	\$0.00
Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative	Special Education - Preschool	Halifax County School District	S	\$0.00	\$40,480.00	\$0.00

Services	Grants, Recovery Act						
	Special Education	Halifax County School District	S	\$0.00	\$1,029,942.00	\$0.00	
	Grants to States, Recovery Act						
		Roanoke Rapids City Schools	S	\$0.00	\$611,148.00	\$0.00	
		Weldon City Schools	S	\$0.00	\$315,435.00	\$0.00	
Rural Housing Service	Community Facilities Loans and Grants	Littleton, Town Of	P	\$119,350.00		\$0.00	\$119,350.00
				\$0.00		\$97,650.00	\$97,650.00
Small Business Administration	Loans	Ben's Creek Nursery	L			\$20,000.00	
		Wake Interventional Pain Insti	L			\$20,000.00	
SSA	Social Security Economic Recovery Act Payments	Multiple Individuals	P		\$3,817,500.00		
Grand Total				\$2,157,161.00	\$50,719,105.96	\$4,523,085.00	\$2,654,671.42

ⁱ Recipient Role are as follows: P is a prime recipient; S is a Sub-recipient; PV is a vendor to a prime recipient; SV is a vendor to a sub-recipient; L is a loan recipient.

ⁱⁱ Prime Amounts are unique prime awards within a county. These are entities who have received funding directly from a federal agency, and are required to report directly to www.federalreporting.gov

ⁱⁱⁱ Unique Sub Awards are amounts that flow into a county from a source that is NOT directly from a Federal Agency. Generally these are funds awarded to the North Carolina State Government that have been directed to a local source.

^{iv} Additional Economic Activity are economic activity attributable to a previous funding category. They may be a sub award by a prime recipient within a county, or a contract funded by one of the previous three columns. This economic activity is not counted toward the county total.